

CLAIMS

- 5        1.    A method for determining volumes in human bodies or  
         animal bodies, wherein image data of an interesting  
         volume are acquired by means of a suitable imaging  
         method and the acquired image data are segmented in a  
10       manual, semi-automated or fully automated fashion, and  
         wherein dimensional information on the interesting  
         volume is automatically determined from the segmented  
         image data, characterized by the fact
- that at least one previously determined characteristic  
15       value is assigned to the steps in which the image data  
         is acquired and segmented, with said characteristic  
         value representing a measure for the error occurring  
         in these steps, by the fact
- 20       that an error which represents a measure for the error  
         occurring in the determination of the dimensional  
         information is determined from the assigned  
         characteristic value, and by the fact
- 25       that the error value is displayed or output,  
         respectively, preferably together with the assigned  
         dimensional information.
- 30       2.    The method according to Claim 1, characterized by the  
         fact that at least one characteristic value is also  
         assigned to the interesting volume and taken into  
         consideration when determining the error value of the  
         dimensional information.
- 35       3.    The method according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the  
         segmenting process is carried out in a manual or semi-

automated fashion, characterized by the fact that at least one ...